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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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MASAYA ASAO ET AL.)	
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Application No.: 10/809,483)	
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Filed: March 26, 2004)	
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For:	ELECTRODE MATERIAL FOR)	
	LITHIUM SECONDARY	:	
	BATTERY, ELECTRODE)	
	STRUCTURE COMPRISING THE	:	
	ELECTRODE MATERIAL AND)	
	SECONDARY BATTERY	:	
	COMPRISING THE ELECTRODE)	
	STRUCTURE	:	

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.68 IN RESPONSE TO INFORMAL REQUEST FOR PROPERTY RIGHTS STATEMENT

Sir:

In response to the informal request for a property rights statement (45-Day Letter) dated May 17, 2004, Applicants respectfully state and declare as follows:

We, Masaya Asao; Soichiro Kawakami; and Takao Ogura, citizens of Japan, residing, respectively, at Kyoto, Japan; Nara, Japan; and Kyoto, Japan, declare:

That we made and conceived the invention described and claimed in patent application Serial Number 10/809,483, filed in the United States of America on March 26, 2004, titled ELECTRODE MATERIAL FOR LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY,

ELECTRODE STRUCTURE COMPRISING THE ELECTRODE MATERIAL AND SECONDARY BATTERY COMPRISING THE ELECTRODE STRUCTURE;

That we made and conceived this invention while employed by CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA;

That the invention is related to the work we are/were employed to perform and was made within the scope of our employment duties;

That the invention was made during working hours and with the use of facilities, equipment, materials, funds, information and services of CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA;

That to the best of our knowledge and belief, the invention was not made or conceived in the course of, or in connection with, or under the terms of any contract, subcontract or arrangement entered into with or for the benefit of the United States Atomic Energy Commission or its successors: Energy Research and Development Administration or the Department of Energy.

The undersigned inventors declare further that all statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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